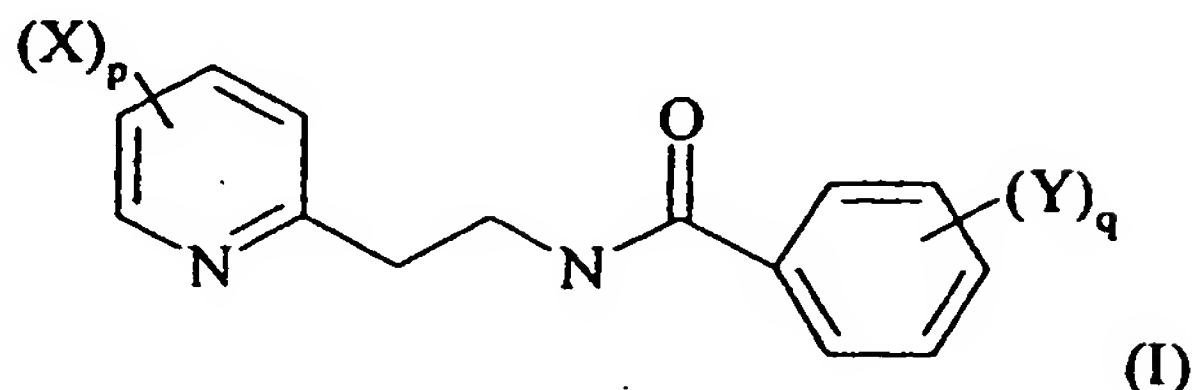


CLAIMS

- 5 1. A composition comprising :
a) a pyridylethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)



in which :

- p is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;
- 10 - each substituent X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl or haloalkyl;
- each substituent Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, amino, phenoxy, alkylthio, dialkylamino, acyl, cyano, ester, hydroxy, aminoalkyl, benzyl, haloalkoxy, halosulphonyl, halothioalkyl,
- 15 alkoxyalkenyl, alkylsulphonamide, nitro, alkylsulphonyl, phenylsulphonyl or benzylsulphonyl;
- as to the N-oxides of 2-pyridine thereof;
- and
- b) a compound capable of inhibiting the methionine biosynthesis;
- 20 in a (a) / (b) weight ratio of from 0.01 to 20.

- 2. A composition according to claim 1, characterised in that p is 2.
- 3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that q is or 2.
- 25 4. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 3, characterised in that X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.
- 5. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 4, characterised in that X is
- 30 chosen independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl group.

The following table summarises the results obtained when tested compound 1 and mepanipyrim alone and in a 1:1 weight ratio mixture.

	Dose (g/ha)	% Efficacy	Synergism (Colby)
Compound 1	500	40	-
Mepanipyrim	500	0	-
Compound 1 + mepanipyrim (Ratio 1:1)	500 + 500	70	+30

- 5 According to the Colby method, a synergistic effect of the mixtures tested has been observed.

6. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 5, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.
- 5 7. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 6, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl group.
8. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the
10 compound of general formula (I) is :
- N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide;
- N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-iodobenzamide; or
- N-{2-[3,5-dichloro-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide .
- 15 9. A composition according to claim 8, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide.
10. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the
20 compound capable of inhibiting the methionine biosynthesis is cyprodinyl, mepanipyrim or pyrimethanil.
11. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 10 further comprising a fungicidal compound (c).
- 25 12. A composition according to claim 11, characterised in that the fungicidal compound (c) is selected from captane, propineb, fenhexamid, trifloxystrobin, tolylfluanid, iprodione, procymidone and chlorotalonil.
- 30 13. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 12, characterised in that it further comprises an agriculturally acceptable support, carrier, filler and/or surfactant.
14. A method for preventively or curatively controlling phytopathogenic fungi of
35 crops, characterised in that an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 13 is applied to the seed, the plant and/or to the

fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.